

MONTANA BOARD OF HORSE RACING MEETING
MAY 4, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE CALL

Unapproved Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Bob Brastrup	Vice-chairman	Sue Austin	Board Member
Tim Donnelly	Board Member	Barbara Cole	Board Member
Al Carruthers	Board Member	Sam Murfitt	Executive Secretary
Carol Grell Morris	Legal Counsel	Marlys Stark	Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Ben Carlson, Scot Meader, Lou Wojciechowski

CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice-chairman Brastrup called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

MINUTES:

Upon motion regularly made and carried, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved and ordered filed with the permanent records of the Board.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE TO ARM 32.28.505:

The Board previously voted to amend ARM 32.28.505, Purse Disbursement Formula, to allow simulcast and purse funds to be used to pay for insurance deductibles for possible future jockey injury events. These rule amendments were properly filed and published for public comment, but there have been no comments regarding the proposed changes.

Member Austin made a motion that the Board adopts the amended rule exactly as proposed. Member Carruthers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

YELLOWSTONE DOWNS'S APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL RACE DATES:

Yellowstone Downs submitted an application for August 18 and 19, 2006, which are two of the five race dates Northwest Montana Fair dropped. Northwest Montana Fair has notified the Board it will not race during 2006 and therefore those dates are available.

As part of their application, Yellowstone Downs attached a sheet listing nine items for Board approval. The Board members discussed each item. The Board noted that items four through nine were all either something that the Board had no decision in, or were already in statute or rule. Items one through three pertained to distribution of the SB65 funds currently being held for Northwest Montana Fair. Yellowstone Downs requested 2/5 of the SB65 money allotted for Northwest Montana Fair in 2006 as Yellowstone Downs is adding 2/5 of Northwest Montana Fair's days. Yellowstone Downs also wants to receive their normal percentage of the remaining 3/5 of the Northwest Montana

Fair's SB65 money, which will be pooled for distribution to all live race meets for 2006.

Member Donnelly moved to approve the first three items on the Yellowstone Downs's Memo of Understanding for the 2006 season with one change, the substitution of 'The' for 'A minimum of' on item three. Member Clark seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Executive Secretary Murfitt briefly went over each of the other points and summarized why they weren't applicable at this time. Ben Carlson of Yellowstone Downs explained his reasons for including the additional items.

Member Carruthers made a motion seconded by Member Cole to approve Yellowstone Downs's application for additional race days of August 18 and 19, 2006. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Executive Secretary Murfitt has sent a welcoming and congratulatory letter to each of the nine members of the new Governor's Horse Racing Task Force.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

In accordance with Mont. Code Ann. § 2-3-103, the meeting was opened for public comment at this time. Vice-chairman Brastrup read the open forum statement and the public was informed that they could have a short time for comment but that no action could be taken on any issue at this time.

Ben Carlson, as a newly appointed member of the Governor's Horse Racing Task Force, announced that their first meeting will be on May 9th at 1:00 p.m. Anybody with ideas or suggestions should present them to one of the members.

Scot Meader of Western Montana Fair mentioned the upcoming Montana Simulcast Partners meeting in Helena on May 10th at 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Signature

Date